

San Diego DX Club Bulletin

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From the Prez . . .

Pat, WA6MHZ

SDDXC Meeting on Zoom

Time: May 26, 2021 06:30 P.M. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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73,

Pat, WA6MHZ



Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2021

Our April meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing application. We had 17 members and two guests participate. Our guests were: Phil Karn, KA9Q and Larry Mallek, K6YUI.



At 6:36 P.M. Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ called the meeting to order.

From 7:05 P.M. to 7:40 P.M. our presenter Randy Standke, KQ6RS gave his presentation on "Mt Carmel HS Amateur Radio Club: Radio Buoy #2."

We took a break from 7:40 P.M. to 7:50 P.M..

At 7:50 P.M. we held a roundtable discussion.

At 8:12 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Income for April: \$40.00 for membership

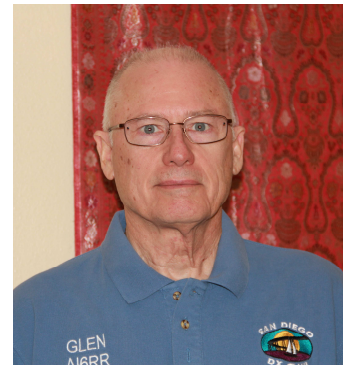
Expenses for April: \$200.00 for ARRL club insurance

Balance on 5/11/2021 \$6,550.55

Randy, KQ6RS

SDDXC TOP 10

By Glenn, AI6RR



Check back next month after I have a chance to get my hands around the huge database collected by John, K6AM.

Glenn, AI6RR

SDDXC Contest Results

By John, K6AM



2020 CQ WORLDWIDE DX CW CONTEST

| CLASS | CALL | SCORE | QSO'S | MLTS | FINISH |
|-------------|---|-----------|-------|------|----------------------------------|
| MM | 8Q7ZO (N5ZO, W6NV) | 9,427,572 | 5,898 | 627 | # 1 ZONE 22, # 3 ASIA, # 7 WORLD |
| SO - HP | NO6T (KI6RRN @ WA6TQT) | 5,238,210 | 3,954 | 510 | # 1 ZONE 3, #5 USA see note |
| MS | NX6T (N6KI WQ6X WM6Y K4RB N7NR N6NC N6CY) | 1,181,110 | 1,352 | 520 | # 5 ZONE 3 |
| SO - HP | K6NA | 863,104 | 909 | 352 | # 8 ZONE 3 |
| SA - HP | N7CW | 591,630 | 579 | 370 | |
| SO - HP 20M | W6YA | 337,464 | 975 | 129 | # 2 ZONE 3, #4 USA |
| SA - HP | NC6K | 334,248 | 606 | 228 | |
| SO - LP | WN6K | 272,259 | 615 | 169 | # 1 ZONE 3 |
| SA - HP | K5OA | 136,458 | 356 | 189 | |
| SA - HP | K6ZH | 41,140 | 151 | 121 | |
| SO - HP 80M | K6AR | 17,232 | 138 | 48 | # 2 ZONE 3 |
| SO - HP | W6JBR | 6,968 | 52 | 52 | |

NOTE: This was Axel, KI6RRN's final qualifying event for the WRTC competition. His win gives him yet another 1000 WRTC points, for a grand total of 11,900 points, the most anyone can possibly get. He finishes in the number one position worldwide in WRTC qualifying with a PERFECT SCORE! This was truly an amazing performance. Congratulations to you Axel!

John, K6AM

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



When You HAD to be #1 in the Pileup!

There was a time, before FT8 and QRP when some DXers felt they HAD to be #1 in the pileups. This "Purple Paralyzer" ran Class C with 6KV on the plate. With just 60 watts of drive - the 3-1000Z could do about 3200 watts out. California Kilowatt indeed! My Midwest buddies built several of these monsters to break through the West Coast Wall—sometimes with success, sometimes not so. This beast was built by W9BZW (SK) and clones were built by W9DWQ (SK) and others. You could light up (and warm) the shack with the glow from the the 3-1000Z filament.



Bob, K9RHY

Any Better Stories?

for mobile emergency communications. It took until spring 1986, but after hundreds of volunteer hours toward design and construction the van was ready to serve. Don Fuller, SBRC systems engineer, arranged the commissioning ceremony with Dr. Talley doing the ribbon-cutting and other dignitaries attending. It was named the Dyruff van after Robert N. Dyruff, a local amateur radio operator who dedicated his life to emergency communications.

WHY ARE AMATEURS HAMS?

(From Florida Skip Magazine, 1959)

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED why radio amateurs are called "HAMS?" Well, it goes like this: The word "HAM" as applied to 1908 was the station call sign of the first amateur wireless station operated by some amateurs of the Harvard Radio Club. They were Albert Hyman, Bob Almy, and Poogie Murray.

At first they called their station "Hyman-Almy-Murray." Tapping out such a long name in code soon became tiresome and called for a revision. They changed it to "HY-AL-MU," using the first two letters of each of their names. Early in 1910, some confusion resulted between signals from amateur wireless station "HYALMU" and a Mexican ship named "HYALMO." They then decided to use only the first letter of each name, and the station call sign became "HAM."

In the early pioneer days of unregulated radio, amateur operators picked their own frequency and call letters. Then, as now, some amateurs had better signals than commercial stations. The resulting interference came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington, and Congress gave much time to proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur radio activity. In 1911, Albert Hyman chose

the controversial Wireless Regulation Bill as the topic for his thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator David I. Walsh, a member of the committee hearing the bill. The Senator was so impressed with the thesis that he asked Hyman to appear before the committee. Albert Hyman took the stand and described how the little station was built, and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the bill went through they would have to close down the station because they could not afford the license fees and all the other requirements that the bill imposed on amateur stations.

Congressional debate began on the Wireless Regulation Bill and little station "HAM" became the symbol for all the little amateur stations in the country crying to be saved from the menace and greed of the big commercial stations who didn't want them around. The bill finally got to the floor of Congress and every speaker talked about the "... poor little station HAM." That's how it all started. You will find the whole story in the Congressional Record.

Nationwide publicity associated "HAM" with amateur radio operators. From that day to this, and probably until the end of time, a radio amateur is a HAM.

Thanks to Jim, K6ZH and **Florida Skip Magazine**